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The latest round of litigation against Microsoft by AOL/Netscape is the ultimate manipulation of our legal system. Netscape is a company that apparently cannot or will not compete on its own merits and has now, once again, turned to the court system to achieve what it cannot through the free market and fair competition. Americans and shareholders are tired of this abuse of our court system and the litigation process. It has to stop. I don't expect sanctions against such harassing and frivolous lawsuit although any responsible judge would throw this case out promptly for lack of merit.

Whether Netscape's losses of market share is now purposeful (so that it can avail itself of "damages" and more public relations) or simply the result of incompetence, we cannot be sure. However, it is time that our legal system and the taxpayers money stop being used by private industry to harass and damage a company that has been wonderful for the consumer, it's shareholders and our economy. It's tragic that AOL and Netscape cannot cut it, but it is no longer the government's or Microsoft's problem. It's time to cut these economic dead weights loose from our economic recovery.